

REMARKABLE DUELS.

Fantastic Contests That Tried Men's Nerve and Courage.

Two heavy weights suspended from a beam by slender cords were the weapons chosen by two Parisians named Durler and Voisin to terminate their rivalry for the hand of a pretty actress. Beneath a weight each took his stand, there to remain until the breaking of one or the other of the cords should decide his fate. For more than four hours they remained motionless, when the cord attached to Durler's weight snapped, and the ponderous mass of metal, falling upon the man beneath, struck him to the ground. Fortunately, however, it just missed his head, and he escaped with no worse damage than a severe shock and a broken collar bone.

Somewhat prolonged was the duel waged a few years back at a well known Yorkshire seaside resort, to decide which of two young men should surrender his claim to the hand of a local publican's daughter. The rivals both prided themselves upon their natty prowess, so it was agreed that he who should first miss his morning's swim in the open should withdraw his pretension to the lady's hand. For nine months and more each took his matutinal swim, but at length there came a day of such furious storm that one turned faint hearted and refused to dare the tempestuous billows. The other, however, at considerable risk, dashed into the foaming sea, and, although he was badly cut and bruised, emerged a triumphant wooer.

Another aqueous duel occurred some years since, the location being the lake of Geneva and the contestants a Swiss named Zellner and one Lenoir, a Frenchman, who agreed that he who could remain the longest beneath the surface of the water should without interruption or hindrance from the other be permitted to pay his addresses to the daughter of a wealthy tradesman. The rivals dived simultaneously, and more than two minutes elapsed ere Zellner's head appeared above the surface. There was no sign, however, of his rival, after whom yet another two minutes had sped a couple of onlookers dived and succeeded in recovering his senseless body. Restoratives were successfully applied, and on Lenoir's recovering consciousness he was acclaimed the victor.

At the time of Suss's forty day fast at the Westminster aquarium, some years ago, a couple of young Mancunians agreed by emulating his example to decide which of them should first propose for the hand of a girl who had hitherto regarded them with a seemingly impartial affection. Four days was sufficient ordeal for one, who, refusing any longer to abstain from food, left the field clear to his rival, whose proposal, however, met with scant consideration from the lady, who declared that she would not intrust her future to the keeping of such a fool as he had proved himself. Needless to say his rival's reception was equally glacial.

During a very severe winter in the last century a couple of Germans, natives of Dresden, resolved for love of a woman to fight a duel to the death. Very fantastic was the method employed. Without provision of any kind and clad only in the lightest of clothes, they went out into the country, there to remain without shelter until one or other of them should succumb to the cold. Three days after their departure a wretched object crawled back into the town. Ten miles distant his rival, frozen to death, lay beneath the falling snow.—London Tit-Bits.

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Kipling's New Story.

Rudyard Kipling has not been of late a frequent contributor to magazines. The August Century will contain a story by him, a tale of Americans in England called "An Habitation Enforced."

The story is said to be an unusually long one for Mr. Kipling, so long that the Century editors were minded at first to print it in two numbers, but it was decided to let it all appear in the Mid-summer Holiday issue.

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MORE RAILROAD TALK.

Probable That the L. & N. is Behind Line From Madisonville.

(Madisonville Hustler.)

It is considered a sore thing that the railroad from Madisonville to Cloverport or some other point on the Ohio river will be built without much delay. The surveyors are now in the field locating the line and there is little doubt that they are now locating it where it will finally go. It is evident to the person who studies the matter a little that the work in connection with the Cloverport proposition has been carefully planned and has been ably managed up to this time, and it would seem that little, if anything, remains to be done to perfect the scheme originally decided upon by the promoters.

Of course there are all sorts of rumors in connection with the ultimate ownership and operation of the road. The promoters have carefully kept their ultimate purpose a secret and the public can only surmise as to what system will control the Cloverport line when built. It is being ostensibly promoted by parties at Hartford and Madisonville, notable among them being Mr. H. H. Holeman, Vice President of Morton's Bank, of this city. Mr. Holeman makes no secret that the road, when built, is to be turned over to somebody, but gravely waves the matter off when approached as to the real partners in interest.

The latest rumor is, and it seems to have pretty good foundation, that the L. & N. is behind the proposition, that the line will run from Madisonville to Fordsville, where a branch line of the Texas reaches, and that this branch will be used for reaching the Ohio river.

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Comparative Strength Of World's Navies.

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Before the war between Russia and Japan, Russia held the third place on the list of naval powers but today stands next to the last in the seventh place. Japan has reduced the naval power of Russia to one-half of its former size.

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The Working Class.

A traveler in the mountain country of East Tennessee stopped one noon at a cabin, says the New York Sun. In the shade of the house sat a comfortable-looking, middle-aged man, apparently at leisure. A dozen dogs loomed about him.

"Can I have dinner here?" asked the traveler.

"I reckon so," drawled the man, "when the old woman turns up."

The "old woman" came in after a while, leading a weary-looking mule, and wiping perspiration from beneath her big sunbonnet. She split some wood, built a fire, fetched some water, and soon had dinner ready.

"You have a fine country here," said the traveler, as they sat down to the meal.

"Stranger," said the woman, "I reckon it's about as fine as they is or men and dogs, but it's mighty hard on women and mules."

New Boat Takes Brownie's Place.

A gasoline boat is being built at Stephensport to take the place this month of the Brownie, which has been running in the Hawesville and Tell City trade and which, also, was built at Stephensport. It is understood that the Brownie will go into the Hawesville and Rockport trade, connecting at the latter place with another gasoline boat for Owensboro.

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